

New lead law goes into effect April 22, 2010

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new renovation, repair and painting law goes into effect April 22. The new law requires contractors, property managers and others paid to replace windows or renovate residential houses, apartments and child occupied facilities built before 1978 to be certified by the U.S. EPA.

The intent of the law is to protect children from lead dust that may result from disturbing lead based paint. Common activities like sanding, cutting and demolition can create lead hazards that can be harmful to children and adults. Due to this new law, contractors must provide proof of certification by the U.S. EPA or Illinois EPA approved training course providers.

As a homeowner hiring a contractor, be sure that the contractor is RRP (Renovation, Repair and Painting) certified before a renovation job is performed in your home.

For more information, contact the Kane County Department of Public Health at (630) 695-0848, or log onto www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm.